GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:40
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WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE FOR BIHAR AND MAHARASHTRA
NIKHIL KUMAR CHOUDHARY;RAOSAHEB PATIL DANVE

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Bihar and Maharashtra have sought the World Bank assistance for development of National Highways in the States;

(b) if so, the National and State Highways proposed to be developed in those States with the said assistance; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (MAJOR GENERAL (B.C.KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a) No, Sir.

(b)&(c) One project of four-laning of National Highway No. 8 in Maharashtra was taken up under the Second National Highway Project loan of total US $ 306 million. The project is substantially completed. In Bihar, certain sections of National Highway No. 2 are covered into two World Bank Loans, viz. Third National Highway Project (on-going) for US $ 516 million and Grand Trunk Road Improvement (recently approved by Bank) for US $ 589 million.